

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An enteric coating formulation comprising an aqueous solution of shellac salt and an aqueous solution of alginate, wherein the formulation comprises between 10-90% aqueous solution of shellac salt and between 10-90% aqueous solution of alginate.

2. (Previously Presented) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1, wherein the alginate is sodium alginate.

3-4. Canceled.

5. (Previously Presented) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1, wherein the formulation is edible.

6-7. Canceled.

8. (Currently Amended) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1, where there are equal quantities of aqueous shellac salt and alginate present in the formulation.

9. (Previously Presented) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1, wherein the formulation is in the form of a spray solution or a suspension.

10. (Previously Presented) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1, wherein the alginate is of a low viscosity grade.

11. (Previously Presented) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1, wherein the alginate has a viscosity of between 200 and 300 cps.

12. (Previously Presented) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1, wherein the formulation further comprises a plasticiser.

13. (Previously Presented) A method of applying the enteric coating formulation of Claim 1, wherein the formulation is applied to a dosage unit by spraying.

14. (Previously Presented) A dosage unit comprising an enteric outer coating, wherein the enteric outer coating is of a formulation as described in Claim 1.

15. (Previously Presented) A method for preparing the enteric coating of claim 1, comprising the step of mixing an aqueous solution of an alkali salt of shellac with an aqueous solution of sodium alginate.